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Rail Road Time Cards

A. T. & S. F.
On and after January 5th, 1887, trains leave Great Bend as follows, viz:

GOING EAST.	
No. 4, Atlantic Express.	4:50 a. m.
No. 8, Eastern Express.	5:00 p. m.
No. 6, New York Express.	6:00 a. m.
No. 42, way freight.	1:27 p. m.
No. 44, " "	3:00 p. m.
GOING WEST.	
No. 3, California and New Mexico Ex.	10:10 p. m.
No. 7, Colorado and Utah Express.	11:04 a. m.
No. 5, Denver Express.	10:00 p. m.
No. 41, way freight.	10:14 a. m.

GREAT BEND WAY FREIGHT.
Arrives from east. 12:15 p. m.
Departs for east. 2:30 p. m.

C. K. & W.

LEAVES.	
Express.	11:10 a. m.
Freight.	5:00 a. m.
ARRIVES.	
Express.	4:40 p. m.
Freight.	10:00 p. m.

All trains daily except Sunday.
W. TORREY, Agent.

Mo. Pacific.

ARRIVES.	
St. Louis Express.	12:45 a. m.
Colorado Express.	7:10 a. m.
DEPARTS.	
St. Louis Express.	5:30 a. m.
Colorado Express.	11:00 p. m.

All trains daily.
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Office over Dodge's Hardware store,

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PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

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Office in the Willner Block, opposite

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attended to, lamp burning at office door

all night.

GREAT BEND, - KAS.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

Typewriter House,

Terms reasonable. Good sample

room for commercial men.

East Side Square,

GREAT BEND, - KANSAS

Valley House,

N. R. HOLMES, Prop.

Near depot. Best accommodations

in the city. Transient \$1.50 per day,

by week \$4. A good feed stable in

connection.

FRENCH

Restaurant,

JOE TROILLET, Proprietor.

Meals at all hours. Fine French

andies, fresh fruits and cigars.

A WESTERN exchange says: "Kansas would like to trade some of her salt for coal, and some of her politicians for anything she can get that is of value."

ON THE Santa Fe extension east the last rail has been laid between Ft. Madison, Iowa, and Chillicothe, Mo., and it is expected the road will be turned over for operation by January 1, 1888.

WEB. WILDER, of the Hiawatha World, says that the first printing press was brought to Kansas by Rev. Joseph Meeker, and set up five miles west of Ottawa to print Bibles, tracts and hymn-books for the Indians. This was in 1831.

"PRISONER, did you kill this boy?" "I did, your honor; I cut his throat. He shot me in the ear with a rubber sling, and—" "The prisoner is discharged, and the sheriff will give him back his knife and tell the janitor to sharpen it for him."—Bob Burdette

This is truly an age of change. A story is going the rounds that an aristocratic lady of Louisiana, once noted for her wealth and beauty, and the owner of many slaves, now earns a few cents a day by picking cotton on a plantation that was once her own.

A LATE funny item relates that the chief of a band of Western Kansas train robbers said: "You fellows cover the passengers with your pistols when the train stops, and while they are being securely guarded, I will overpower the fireman and fill a sack with coal."—Ex.

THE DEMOCRAT editor was not forgotten by generous old Santa Claus on Christmas eve. Through the instrumentality of the printers engaged in our office we were made the recipient of a handsome decorated china dining table adornment, for which we hereby make public our heartfelt thanks to the printers or "prints."

SOME of the eastern papers are making a great deal out of the report that the whole of Western Kansas is experiencing a coal famine. These reports are greatly exaggerated, as, considering the great number of people who came to Kansas and settled in the newer organized counties, the suffering from lack of fuel is comparatively small.

ANNA HORTON, a postoffice department clerk, rose in her chair at Albaugh's theater, at Washington, the other night, when Clara Morris was playing "Article 47," and exclaimed, "Oh, my God!" She had suddenly gone insane. Miss Horton is the young lady who shot the son of Senator Morgan, of Alabama, some years ago. The play of "Article 47" was her tragedy over again, and when the lover fired Miss Horton's mind gave away.—Larned Daily Chronicle.

IF GREAT BEND has been prouder of one thing than another, in the years of her prosperity and steady advancement, that thing can be described in two words: "Our Ladies!" They have stood by us in our hours of tribulation. In the earlier days they cooked the corn cake and fat bacon in such a manner as to make it as palatable as the most delicate viands. In our times of speculation they sandwiched into their curtain lectures an expostulation to "Go slow," and in our days of prosperity they rejoice with us, and don their plumes of plenty with well deserved and most becoming grace. Therefore let us receive them on New Year's Day with open arms and thankful hearts and fitting entertainment.

THE Kansas Farmer of the 22d inst. gives a full page report of the proceedings of the Farmers' Institute held here recently. The report is full and complete, and the readers of the Farmer in this county will greatly appreciate it. Following is what it has to say about Great Bend:

Great Bend, the capital of Barton county, is 270 miles west of the Missouri river, Santa Fe mileage, and contains about 4,000 prosperous people. Her name is derived from the immense curve, or great bend, made by the Arkansas river on its onward flow from the snow-capped mountains of Colorado to the mighty waters of the deep blue sea. Her church and school privileges are equal with that of any other city in the state, and society of the best. The Central Kansas College is located here and has the appearance of being first-class in every department. Water works, street railways, electric lights, and bonds abound, without which no Western city could attain perfection? Of railways she has the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, main line, and the Dighton extension, and the Missouri Pacific. Hotel facilities are good, especially that of the Grand Central, which is a magnificent three-story edifice, built of brick, containing eighty rooms, all new and complete in every compartment.

IT WILL be observed the DEMOCRAT gives in its full summary of the news of the week, the letter of Governor Martin concerning the much needed representative apportionment of the state, and an outline of the administrative tariff reform bill; the nominations sent in by the President for confirmation by the senate.

One of the most interesting national campaigns in the history of America is about to open, and the year 1888 will be one of vast importance to the democratic party. It is the duty of every democrat in Barton county to keep posted on the events of the day, and we can assure you that the aim of this paper will be to give the fullest and latest news of interest to its readers. We would like to know that every democrat in the county took sufficient interest in all matters of vast importance, and believe they can find no better medium through which to obtain such information than the DEMOCRAT.

Show your paper to your friends; compare it to the other papers of the county; send us the local happenings of your immediate neighborhood, so that we may be enabled to give the local as well as the general news, and with such assistance we hope to make the paper one of the best in the state of Kansas.

Knowing the scarcity of money at this time of year, and having a family to support, we will gladly take any kind of produce, grain or feed, on subscription. Start the new year of 1888 with a subscription to the BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT, and help to swell the majority for Grover Cleveland in 1888.

THE Abilene Gazette is soon to commence a big fight for the removal of the state capital to central Kansas. Of course its principal aim will be to locate it at Abilene. The people of this section can join heartily in the scheme of removal, and as to the location, Salina will naturally be the place. McPherson and Abilene will put each other's eyes out in the struggle, and Salina walk away with the baggage. Go in Pomp; go in Caesar.—Salina Journal.

Among the right kind of democrats who called last week and showed their appreciation of a good, democratic county paper by depositing the subscription price with us, we mention S. Hartman, P. A. Livesay, H. Wenke, Ed. T. Anderson, Wm. Murphy, A. E. Rowell and H. C. Merhoff.

BLAINE is of the opinion that tobacco is one of the necessities of life. Well, hardly. The people are generally healthier, wealthier and happier when they let tobacco alone. Blaine and tobacco are both luxuries, and the people can get along just as well without trying to either.—Ex.

THE Knights of Pythias of Sterling, will give a grand ball and banquet on the night of the 30th inst.

"United We Stand"

Are each and every one of the citizens of Great Bend doing their best for the general interest of the city? Are you turning over the experiences of the past in your own neighborhood; are you comparing those experiences with the experiences of other towns, and are you enabled to see something in the future that must be brought about by united action? A wise writer has said "There is a slowness which matures, and slowness which rots." Some of our readers may perhaps have lain upon their oars and waited for prosperity to come; waited for the opportunity to present itself; and having waited, been rewarded. But, while a few men have thus "struck it rich" as it were, by the force of circumstances, many others have made the opportunities and have reaped an earlier reward.

There is not a doubt in the minds of our best men—the men who have had extensive experience and propose to profit by it—but that Great Bend has made a start in the last year which is but the beginning of her prosperity.

She has had a healthy growth. In the rush and hurry of the summer's boom she did not, perhaps, have as many real estate transfers each day as did some of her near neighbors; nor did she have as many mortgages recorded. Our business men who spent their money in substantial buildings did not go beyond their means, and are not now, when money is scarce and trade a little dull, forced to close their doors or give up to mortgagees the fruits of their summer's labor.

What we need now is unity in all we undertake; and if every man will do his share and work for the same result the year of 1888 will place us far ahead of where we now stand in the scale of Kansas cities.

Co-Operation.

In this age of combination in all classes and kinds of business enterprises it is well to investigate the whys and wherefores. Why do merchants form boards of trade? Why do managers of the numerous lines of railroad hold frequent meetings for consultation? The rail manufacturers come together and determine the amount that each factory shall produce, and also fix the prices. So, also, the manufacturers of nearly all the leading articles. One object of these meetings is to become more fully informed of the actual needs of the market, and the other is to regulate the supply to the demand and not overstock the market. The railroad managers calculate the business that each line will be able to secure and so manage the tariff at such a rate as the amount of traffic will bear. The large slaughtering establishments fix the prices of their finished products as they think proper to make a change, and all act in concert and with a mutual understanding. So the wheels move smoothly along.

Why is it that in agricultural matters, there is so little co-operation—each farmer is working out his destiny all by himself. He appears to live in a little world bound by the line of his farm and when outside of that limit he is on forbidden ground. This is the condition, except in a few limited localities, where co-operation is practiced and with great success. Those sections have become noted for producing the best, and remunerative prices are obtained and constantly increasing demand.

We would like to see a full attendance at the adjourned meeting of the farmers' institute and a permanent organization effected, which, if vigorously conducted, will bring thousands of dollars to the pockets of the farmers of this country. Of this, there can be no doubt. "In Union there is strength," and no good reason can be given why local organizations in the interests of those products in which the whole world is interested in more than any other. For failure in agriculture means failure in everything. It runs the railroad trains and moves the factory wheels.

Prosperous farmers and all the world feels the beneficial effect. The railroad wealth is thought to be enormous. The Goulds and Vanderbilts are supposed to run and control an amount of wealth almost incalculable, vast as this wealth is, farmers are able to buy the whole outfit, and have lots of money left. Rise up then to the importance of your vocation (the feeding of a hungry world) and unite in a "long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether." FARMER.

A State of Surprises.

The El Dorado Daily Republican says: While the general public—the old settlers and the new ones—are deploring the fact that we have not had first-class crops in Kansas for a year or two, and are groaning over the low prices of stock and the still lower prices of farm products, we will ask permission to say what will happen in the great state of Kansas within the shortest possible time.

FIRST—We will have a big crop year. We have had an unprecedented crop year at every recurring presidential election since 1860. There was '64, '68, '72, '76, '80, '84, '88. Please note the dates and examine the records.

SECOND—There is coming a great land boom in the west. The last foot of wheat and corn land on this continent subject to homestead and preemption will be taken up on the opening of the Indian Territory. That settles the land question on this continent for all time to come; and with the good crop year and the opening up of the territory the greatest of all land booms will be inaugurated. Five dollars an acre farms will go to twenty dollars per acre; twenty dollars per acre farms will go sixty dollars; fifty dollar farms will go to a hundred.

Did you ever think of the land situation in this country? THIRD—Within two years loans will go begging at four or five per cent. without commission. Within two years it will not be possible to buy a good piece of farm land anywhere in the state at less than from twenty-five to fifty per cent. advance on present prices.

FOURTH—This will settle the mortgage question so effectually that it will never be heard of again. FIFTH—Artesian wells are being found in western Kansas and eastern Colorado. Others will be found. The mountain streams will be dammed, the water will be stored in great reservoirs and in a short time that magnificent empire will boom and blossom like the rose. If any man is skeptical, if any man doubts, let him consider Kansas five years ago and then consider it now.

SIXTH—This means another million people for the state; it means growth

Natural Gas Industry.

"Few people outside of the natural gas region," said a large owner of natural gas wells in Washington county, Pa., "have any idea what enormous proportions the gas business has grown to. It may be said to be only about two years old in western Pennsylvania, and more than 200,000 acres of land in Washington and adjoining counties have been drilled with gas wells. Nearly 150,000 tons of iron have been used in manufacturing pipes through which the five hundred million cubic feet of gas that flow from the region daily are conveyed to the place using it. Over twenty-five million dollars is invested in the business by the fourteen organized companies that produce the bulk of the gas. The land and wells represent an outlay of seventeen million dollars. The wells now producing are capable of doubling the quantity now demanded for light and heat. Nearly two thousand miles of mains are required for conducting the supply to consumers. It is estimated that the use of natural gas has displaced twenty-five thousand tons of coal daily in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio alone. Besides the wells controlled by the gas producing companies, individual owners have wells for the supply of the smaller towns, and every village and hamlet in the region has enough natural gas running to waste every day to abundantly supply the same number of towns of ten thousand inhabitants each with light and fuel."—Scientific American.

We commenced with nothing and have made the state what it is. Now that we have everything there is no limit to the possibilities of the future. With next year's crops the wheel of fortune puts land owners on top. If you doubt these general statements take the figures. Compare the population of any city, and county, any district of to-day with the population of 1882. Take the railway mileage, taxable valuation, acres under cultivation, number of stock, and they all tell the same story—a story of doubling and quadrupling. Take the entire state and it tells the same story. It is destiny—nothing more nor less—and the man who goes away to find something better will return broken-hearted next year or the year after, and the man who stops to consider will never catch up.

"Kansas is a state of surprises."

All in Half a Century.

The discovery of the electric telegraph.

The discovery of photography.

The establishment of ocean steam navigation.

The annexation of Texas.

The war with Mexico and the acquisition of California with the discoveries of gold that followed.

The French revolution of 1848.

The rise and fall of Napoleon III., and the establishment of the French Republic.

The laying of the ocean cables.

The great civil war and abolition of slavery in the United States.

The unification of Italy.

The great Franco-German war and the unification of Germany.

The overthrow of the Pope's temporal power.

The emancipation of the Russian serfs.

The extension of the Russian power into central Asia.

The discovery of the sources of the Nile and Niger and the exploration of interior Africa.

The discovery of the telephone.

CURRENT TOPICS

It costs the United States \$2,000,000 a year to carry on the war of 1812, even at this late date.

As between the dude and his cane at this writing, the cane seems to have a trifle the best of it in the shape of head.

The "Age of Women" is the title of a forthcoming magazine. We venture the prediction that the editor will not dare to give it away.

You can easily tell a man's politics as according as he calls the president's message "the ablest document since the war" or "Cleveland's funeral oration."

A western paper says that some educationalists are questioning the usefulness of Vassar college. Against them are arrayed in one solid mass the gum manufacturers of the country.

Will Iowa and Kansas farmers have Chicago brewers arrested for boycotting their barley? These guileless grangers ought to know that it is wrong to raise grain out of which to make malt and subsequently the seductive beer.

There's Millions In It.

Millions will be made out of it in Kansas alone. The days of carrying un-kindling flasks in the hip pockets or being under the necessity of becoming owner of a boot-leg saloon in order to get a drink are numbered. A Yankee, of course, and probably from Maine, has invented what he calls "Vinous grapes," which are thin capsules filled and expanded by the capacity of a pony glass of whisky, brandy gin, and of the stronger wines. The instructions are to press the lips tightly together as the grape is put into the mouth, bend the head forward then crush the grape between the teeth, or insert a pin or toothpick between the teeth, thus pricking the rubber. We are not informed as to whether the inventor desires to sell state, county or township rights, but would suggest that Jeems Halliwell would make a most excellent agent in Wichita.—K. C. Times.

Clafin has one of the best Union Sabbath schools in the county. There are upwards of one hundred pupils in attendance each Sabbath. By holding festivals they have bought and paid for an organ, of which any church might be proud.

Christmas Eve.

The festivities on Christmas eve were very well distributed among the several churches, and everything moved smoothly and joyously along. At the Methodist church, on Forest avenue, a large arch, decorated with handsome and appropriate mottoes and circling over tables laden with fruits, nuts and candies, formed a handsome and charming picture with the hundreds of little children arranged along in front, eager and expectant. Prof. Reece opened the exercises with prayer. There was speaking and recitations by the scholars of the school, anthems, choruses and solos, all of which were well executed and delivered. At the proper time the fruits and candies were distributed, and the little ones went home to seek their beds and await the surprises in store for them on the morrow.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The exercises here were witnessed and participated in by a packed house also. Mr. Barker, the Sunday school Supt., was master of ceremonies and showed his executive abilities to good advantage. An overture by the orchestra opened the services, and was followed by part first of the Cantata of Immanuel. Next came miscellaneous exercises by the children of the school, consisting of songs, recitations, etc. Part second of the cantata was then given, after which a couple of the teachers were presented some very handsome presents by their classes. The distribution of candies, nuts, fruits etc., followed and closed the exercises.

Sabbath morning Rev. Thompson delivered a splendid Christmas sermon, and during the day the Sabbath school held Christmas services.

AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Here the little ones also furnished the entertainment of the evening, consisting of readings, recitations, declamations and songs, to a full house. Everything went joyously and smoothly, and the exercises were well arranged. No presents were distributed here other than a good supply of fruits and candies.

GERMAN M. E.—FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Christmas exercises took place at the German M. E. church Friday night. They were opened by Rev. Ross, the pastor, as superintendent of the Sabbath School. Mr. Fluth, was not present. Over twenty-five children, large and small took part in the speaking, which was excellent. Mr. Zimmith made a few short but practical remarks, and was followed by the pastor, after which a collection was taken up for the orphan asylum. The presents were then distributed and all went home happy. The tree, a fine evergreen, the Sunday school obtained through the kindness of Charlie Brinkman, for which he has their thanks.